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Letter No. D.1900/R/29, dated the 30th September, 1929, from the Govt. of India, Foreign and Political Dept.

The Inspector of Schools, may be addressed.

Draft submitted

(Sd.) P. V. Krishnaswamy.
14-10-29. (Id.) A. P 14/10

Will I. of S. kindly discuss this matter at some convenient time.

17-10-29.

I of S. U. O.

U. O. No.8887/19-10-29.

No. 804/1.B/29
20.3.30.

'The scheme contemplates the introduction of compulsory Physical Training and compulsory games in the case of Indian youths between the ages of 12 and 20.

Since no compulsory Physical Training is proposed to be introduced in the case of pupils below 12 years of age I think we may exclude all the Primary Schools working up to the V Standard from the scheme. The Resolution relates only to the Physical Instruction of Indian boys, so the Girl Schools may also be excluded.

The following is a list of all the Municipal, Government and Aided Boys' Schools in the Station, having Standards VI and upwards or Form I and upwards.

Government.

(1) Govt. Training School for Masters.

At present one of the Municipal Drill Instructors teaches Drill for 2 periods a week. He is paid an amount of Rs.15/- per mensem from Government Funds for this work. The amount of Rs.180/- per ~~mensem~~ annum as per above rate is handed over to the Municipal Commission as a subsidy, since the Drill Instructor, is paid his salary of Rs.30/- per mensem from Municipal Funds. In case Drill and Games are made compulsory, I think we must have a separate Instructor on Rs.35/- to Rs.55/- per mensem for the Government Training School, Bangalore, itself. He may be entrusted with the teaching of Drill and Games and be in charge of

~~teaching~~ Drill and Games in the 3 Municipal Higher Elementa Schools and the Govt. Training School. This means that the Drill Instructor will be only a part-time ~~teacher~~ servant. Considering that the teachers under training must be well trained in Drill and Games, I would prefer to recommend a trained Instructor, who has undergone a special course of Physical Training according to recognised system. He may train the teachers and also do the duties of organiser of Physical training and games in the 3 Municipal schools, (higher elementary) with the help of Municipal Drill Instructors.

(7) 2) Municipal Schools.

There are 3 Higher Elementary schools at present. There are 2 Municipal Instructors, who work in Municipal Schools, Govt. Training School and a few aided schools. These two are overworked and cannot be ~~sent~~ to all the municipal and aided schools. So, I recommend that a special Drill Instructor be appointed to these 3 schools only. The present Municipal Instructors will then be able to work in the other Municipal and aided Schools. The pay of this special post may be fixed at Rs.30-1-35 per mensem.

(8) Aided Schools.

(a) St. Joseph's Indian High School,

(b) R. B. A. N. M's High School,

(c) C. V. S. Sabha School,

(d) Wesleyan Mission Secondary School for boys and

(e) St. Aloysius Secondary School.

There are 5 Indian Schools (Secondary) in which Physical Instruction and Games must be made compulsory. At present each of these 5 schools has got only a part-time Drill Instructor. It will be absolutely necessary to have full-timed Instructors ~~in x x x

(4)

Proposals and a rough estimate of cost.

(1) Special organising Physical Instructor, attached either to the Sub-Asst. Inspector's office or to the Govt. Training School, Bangalore; Duties (1) To teach Drill and Games in the Govt. Training Schools and to rum the Rover Troop, (2) To exdrcise a sort of supervision over the work of other Instructors in Municipal and Aided schools and to serve as the organiser of Inter-School søports, games and displays. (Recurring grant). Salary Rs.35-2-55 P.M. plus a Cycle allowance of Rs.5/- p.m. (Rs.480 to 720)

(N. B.). A trained and certificated teacher of the Secondary Grade with Physical Training qualifications is recommended for this post.

(2) A special Drill Instructor to organise Games and to teach Drill in the 3 Municipal Higher Elementary Schools. (Recurring grant). Rs.30-1-35 plus a Cycle allowance of Rs.5/-p.m. (A retired Havildar will do quite well). (Rs.420-480).

(3) Equipment.

(a) Initial for the Organising Physical Instructor. NO. I. (Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, Bar,Bells, Charts, etc.) Rs.300/- Non-recurring

(b) Initial equipment for the 3 Municipal Higher Elementary Schools. 3 x 100 = Rs.300/- -do- -do-

(4) Special Grants to the Aided Secondary Schools for introducing the scheme:-

	Rs.
2 High Schools = 2 x 180 =	360.
3. L. Secondary = 3 x 150 =	450.
Schools.	

Rs.810/- non-recurring.

(5) Equipment grants to 5 Aided Schools. Rs.600/- non-recurring.

(10)

20.3.30

I am sorry for the delay in sending this file. apparently these notes were drafted some months ago, but afterwards Mr. Alpine talked of reconsidering them. I don't think anything was done & the proposals may stand JR.

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21/3/30

(11) Please see P.U.C. and from para 1 of these notes.

(12) The cost of the proposals of the Inspector of Schools is as below:-

	Non-recurring cost. Rs.	Recurring cost. Rs.
1. A special organising Physical Instructor on Rs. 35-2-55 p.m.		580 ×
Cycle allowance Rs. 5/- p.m.		60
2. A special Drill Instructor for the 3 Municipal Higher Elementary Schools on Rs. 30-1-35 p.m.		400 ⊗
Cycle allowance Rs. 5/- p.m.		60
3. Special grants to aided Secondary Schools for introducing the scheme:- 2 High Schools 2x180=360 3 L. Secondary schools 3x150=450		810
4. Equipment for No.1	300	
5. Equipment for No.2	300	
6. Equipment grants for 5 aided Schools.	600	
	1,200	1,910

× (12 X48-5-4 average cost)

⊗ 12 X33-5-4 average cost

(13) Expenditure on items 1, 2, 4 & 5 will be met wholly by Government as the Govt Training School and the Higher Elementary Section of the 3 Municipal Higher Elementary Schools are maintained at the cost of Government.

(14) Item No.3 seems to represent a moiety of the pay ~~of the~~ pay of the proposed five full-time Drill Instructors in the five aided Schools. The amount which will fall to the share of the aided Schools is probably Rs. 810 but this may be made sure by asking the Inspector.

vide para 1 in memo

(15) Item No.6. Perhaps the amount of Rs. 600 represents only the amount that will have to be paid as grant-in-aid to aided Schools for purchase of equipment. The amount that will be contributed by the Schools towards this item may be ascertained.

These

(16) ... These notes may be sent U.O. to the Inspector of Schools who will kindly say whether the position stated above is correct and furnish information asked for in paras 14 and 15 ante.

U.O. No. 2851
26-3-30.

P.V. Krishnaswamy
25.3.30

25/3.

No. 958/I.B/29
29.3.30

(17) The position is correct.

Para (14). The grant from Government will be half of the actual cost, the management of the schools bearing the other half.

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31/3/30

(18) Para 15. An equal sum is expected to be contributed by the Institutions.

V.O.
29/3

29.3.30.

(19) Draft letter to the Government of India submitted.

P.V. Krishnaswamy
2.4.30

9/4.

10.4.30

(20) Before submitting this the to the Resident, I shd like to know whether the Schools who will be affected, and especially who have to pay, have been consulted and if they agree to the proposals.

V.O. No. 3172
12.4.30

10.4.30

(21)

I find that the schools were not consulted in the matter. Since the scheme, if introduced, is intended to be compulsory, I do not see any point in consulting the schools, as their first impulse will be to say that they will not be able to pay the extra cost. If any individual school is not able to pay its part of the cost, the Government will have to subsidise it.

No. M 1220 / 17-4-30
IB-29

16.4.30

To the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Revenue.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Register No. 4292 P.M.C. II
Date of ... 18/4/30

Memorandum No.F.14-R/30, dated the 14th April, 1930, from the Govt of India in the Foreign and Political Dept.

(22)

Please see from para 20 of these notes.

Submitted.

P.V. Krishnaswamy
23.4.30.

24.4.30

A.S.
26/4.

A.S. Secy.

(23)

I have discussed this with the I of S. I am inclined to think that we shd consult the Shhools both because I understand that in the past they have sometimes been sore at not being consulted on matters intimately affecting them and also because there is a considerable 'political' element in the question and it may be useful to us in the future to say that we had the advise or the views of the Schools concerned. Also if they dislike the proposal on the ground of expense it may help us to get something out of the

Central Revenues. Mr Edmonds says that he can easily consult the Schools if it is thought necessary to do so. I said that I would submit the matter to you before he took any action.

Resdt. 30.4.30

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(25) These notes may be sent U.O. to the Inspector of Schools who will kindly consult the Schools concerned and intimate the result.

P.V. Krishnaswamy
2.5.30

7/5.

Sent. 7/5/30

(26) I have consulted all the schools concerned except St Aloysias Secondary school . They are fully in sympathy with the scheme and are willing to meet their share of the cost. The Correspondent and the Headmaster of St.Aloysius secondary school are both in the hospital and so I was unable to consult them, but I have no doubt that they will fall in with the views of the others. The Correspondents of Wesleyan Mission Boys' secondary school and the C.V.S.

Para 28 ante.

(29) Yes. The Government of India may be asked to make a special grant from the Central funds. But it is possible that they may ask whether the Assigned Tract will not be able to bear the expenditure.

A revised para 8 is added to the draft and submitted.

It seems that mention in the draft about the aided schools contributing one-half of the cost of the proposal (30) so far as it concerns them, should stand in view of the last sentence of the second para of S No.1.

P.V. Krishnamurthy

14.7.30

14.7.30

As explained in para (30) ante the aided schools are expected to bear a cost of the Scheme. If this is so, this Opt. (as amended) may issue! If his intention is to ask Central funds to meet the whole cost we will have (i) to make some comment on the aided schools not being asked to pay their share, + (ii) to revise the figures given in paras 7 (iii) + (vi) + 8

(31)

14/7.

(32) Was the Five Year Programme instituted as the result of questions or resolutions in the Assembly ?

What is the amount and is it all paid by the Central Revenues ?

28.7.30

(33) It appears from S.N. 1-A 83/26 that the Five-year Programme was the result of an improvement in the financial outlook of the Government of India. There is nothing in office to show that the Programme was instituted as the result of questions or resolutions in the Assembly.

The expenditure on account of the Programme falls on the Central Revenues. The amount budgetted for the current year is Rs. 52,962/-.

P.V. Krishnaswamy

29.7.30.

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29.7.30

Secy.

I am not at all sure of the best course to pursue in this case. The position is that the Legislative Assembly has passed a perfectly laudable (in general terms) resolution recommending among other things compulsory physical training in Schools : the Schools here are in sympathy with the idea and are prepared to bear their share of the cost. The cost is not heavy and the revenues of the Assigned Tract can ,I think,well meet it,though we are dangerously near the datum line.

So far so good, but clearly we cannot afford to admit that a resolution of the Legislative Assembly is to be regarded as binding on the Assigned Tract,witherfrom our own point of view or from that of the Mysore Govt.

I doubt rather whether we should be able to extract money for this from the Government of India , or whether it is desirable to give them the hold over us that the provision of funds might give them. We have,it is true, received funds for the Five Year Programme , but that was for a somewhat special expansion and was not as far I can trace the result of the a resolution in the Assembly. At present all our expenditure is classed as non-voted so our cases do not come before the Assembly for vote . This is the result of a convention established with them some years back,when it was pointed out to them that exercising control over the A.T. revenues merely resulted in benefittin the Mysore State,so that the Assembly was not directly concerned. It would be unwise to accept too much from the Central Revenues.

I think that a good line to take would be to make

a virtue of what is more or less a necessity and say that we sympathize with the spirit of the Resolution and are prepared in the interests of the physical development of the children of the Assigned Tract to devote revenues to this purpose , but that it is necessary to point out that the expenditure of the Assigned Tract is approaching close to the datum line fixed in 1924.

Later on we can quote this case (and we must collect others) to support a revision of the datum line.

Draft may issue ?

Resdt. 30.8.30

Funds have to be provided in the budget estimates for 1931-32. Budget Clerk will please note.

S No.2

Issued No.6248, dated the 9th August, 1930.

No.D-1900-R/29.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

1. The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in the States of Western India.
2. The Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad.
3. The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
4. The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Central India.
5. The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana.
6. The Resident at Baroda.
7. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam.
8. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

Dated Simla, the 30th September 1929,

Character training of Indian youths

Sir,

I am directed to state that the following Resolution was adopted by the Legislative Assembly at its meeting on the 15th February 1929:-

"This Assembly recommends to the Governor General in Council that, with a view to remove the defects in the character training of Indian youths as emphasised by the Skeen Committee, steps should be taken as early as possible to provide compulsory physical training, games, and drill for Indian boys attending schools and colleges between the ages of 12 and 20, and to provide and encourage the use of miniature rifle ranges."

Not available in Office

2. The attitude of the Government of India towards this Resolution vis a vis the directly administered areas was explained

explained in the following extract from the closing speech of their spokesman:-

"To sum up, Sir, and to make the position absolutely clear, so that there shall be no doubt in the mind of anybody as to what Government accept: For the provinces it is not competent to us to accept either the original resolution or the amendment, but we do agree to forward the amendment, together with copies of the debate to Local Governments to ask them if, on considering the suggestion they come to the conclusion that it is something which they can accept, to introduce the principle, and further to submit to us reports from time to time to show what action they are taking. Then, as regards the directly administered areas, as I have said, we accept the principle of compulsory physical training; we accept the principle of compulsory drill; we accept the principle of compulsory games. As our resources permit and as schemes are worked out, and as far as our finances go, we hope to be able to introduce them in the schools in the areas for which we are responsible. As regards miniature rifle ranges again, our attitude is that in consultation with the heads of minor Administrations we shall do what we can - again as I have said subject to our financial resources - to give effect to this proposal."

I am to request that the Government of India may kindly be furnished at an early date with * your views x * the views of the x Governor in Council x as to the feasibility of making provision for compulsory physical training, games and drill for Indian boys, between the ages of 12 and 20 years, attending recognised educational institutions in the

* To 1-6.
* To 7 & 8

administered

administered areas in the Western India States Agency.
administered areas in the Hyderabad State.
Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.
administered areas in the Central India Agency.
administered areas in Rajputana.
Baroda Cantonment.
British reserve, Manipur.
administered areas in Bombay,

If it is considered feasible to carry out the suggestion I am to desire you kindly to forward your proposals as to the stages in which it should be put into operation, together with a statement of the extra staff, if any, that would be required for the purpose. The cost of maintaining such staff and of providing the necessary equipment should also be considered. It is presumed that, in the case of aided institutions, part of the cost involved in this connection would be met by the institutions concerned.

3. The question of encouraging the use of miniature rifle ranges will form the subject of a separate communication in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy to the Department of Education, Health and Lands, for information, with reference to their endorsement No.1687-Edn., dated the 12th September 1929.

No. 6248
314-1929

From

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel R.H.C. Burke

Resident in Mysore.

To

The Political Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign and Political Department.

Bangalore, the 9th August, 1930.

Character training of Indian youths

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. D-1900-R/29, dated the 30th September, 1929, and to say that I am in entire sympathy with the desire to improve the physique of the boyhood of India, which underlies the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly.

2. Physical training is already carried out in the schools of the Civil and Military Station, but it seems possible that better results might be obtained if it were to be made compulsory. I have examined the question and consider that it is feasible to introduce compulsory physical training, games and drill for Indian boys, between the ages of 12 and 20 years, attending recognised educational institutions in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

3. Excluding primary schools working up to the V standard, in which the boys are mostly below 12 years of age, the following institutions in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore would be affected by the proposal :-

(i) The Government Training School for Masters,
(ii) Three Municipal Higher Elementary Schools, and
(iii) Five aided Indian Secondary Schools.

4.(i) Government Training School for Masters.

At present one of the Municipal Drill Instructors teaches drill for two periods a week. He is paid Rs.15/- per mensem from Government funds for this work. If drill and games were to be made compulsory, a separate Instructor for the Government Training School would be necessary. As the teachers under training should be well trained in drill and games, it is desirable to appoint a trained instructor who has undergone a special course of physical training according to a recognised system. He would train the teachers, run the Rover Troop of the Bangalore Boy Scouts and exercise general supervision over the work of other Instructors in Municipal and aided schools. He would also serve as the organiser of Inter-School sports, games and displays. A salary of Rs.35-2-55 with a cycle allowance of Rs.5/- per mensem would be required for a special organising Physical Training Instructor. A sum of Rs.500/- would be required for initial equipment.

5.(ii) Three Municipal Higher Elementary Schools.

There are now two Municipal Drill Instructors who work in all the Municipal Elementary and Higher Elementary Schools, in the Government Training School and in certain aided schools. These Instructors are overworked and cannot properly attend to training in all these schools. If a special Drill Instructor for the three Municipal Higher Elementary Schools were to be appointed, the two present Municipal Instructors would then be able to devote more time to the other Municipal and aided schools. A special Instructor should be obtainable on a pay of Rs.30-1-35 with a cycle allowance of Rs.5/- per mensem. A sum of Rs.300/- would be required for initial equipment for the three schools.

6. (iii) Five aided Schools.

(a) St. Joseph's Indian High School
(b) Rai Bahadur Arcot Narainsamy Mudaliar's High School
(c) C.V.S. Sabha School.
(d) Wesleyan Mission Secondary School.
(e) St. Aloysius Secondary School.

In these five Indian Secondary Schools physical instruction and games can be made compulsory. At present each of these five schools has a part-time Drill Instructor, but, if efficient instruction is to be given on a compulsory basis, it would be necessary to have a full time Instructor in each of the two High Schools and two Instructors for the three Lower Secondary Schools. The Managers would then be obliged to pay more in the shape of salaries and it would be necessary for Government to meet at least half the salaries of the instructors in the form of special grants. The recurring cost of these special grants would be :-

Two High Schools ... 2 x 180
Three Lower Secondary Schools ... 3 x 120 = Rs. 660/- per annum.

A sum of Rs. 600/- would be required as a non-recurring grant for the purchase of equipment.

7. I am to say that the Managers of these Schools have been consulted and are in sympathy with the proposals suggested above. They are willing that the Schools should bear their share of the cost.

8. The recurring and non-recurring cost involved by the above proposals are summarised below.

	Non-recurring cost. Rs.	Recurring cost Rs.
(i) A special organising physical Instructor on Rs. 35-2-55 per mensem with a cycle allowance of Rs. 5/- per mensem.		640
(ii) A special Drill Instructor for the three Municipal Higher Elementary Schools on Rs. 30-1-35 per mensem with a cycle		460

	Non-recurring cost. Rs.	Recurring cost. Rs.
Brought Forward		1,100
(iii) Special grants to aided Secondary Schools		660
(iv) Equipment for No.(i) above	300	-
(v) Equipment for No.(ii) above	300	-
(vi) Equipment for the five aided schools	600	
	1,200	1,760

Items (i), (ii), (iv) and (v) above would have to be met wholly by Government as the Government Training School is maintained directly by Government and as the cost of maintenance of the Higher Elementary Section of the three Municipal Higher Elementary Schools is paid by Government in the form of a Grant-in-Aid to the Municipality.

Items (iii) and (vi) represent only the one-half share of the total expenditure to be paid by Government, as it is expected that the balance of the expenditure would be met by the five aided schools.

I am prepared, in view of the importance of the object, to endeavour to find funds from the Assigned Tract Revenues, but I feel that I must point out that expenditure in the Civil and Military Station is nearing the datum line fixed in 1924 and that there are other important directions in which funds are likely to be needed. As no budget provision exists, it would be suitable to introduce the change with effect from the 1st March, 1931

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lt.-Col.
R. E. S. I D. E N. T.

ASB/8.8.